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**UTILITY
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Attorney Docket No. 42390P13415

First Inventor John Alan Miller, et al.

Title METHOD AND SYSTEM TO USE AND MAINTAIN A RETURN BUFFER

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02/21/02**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents

1. Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17) *(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)*
2. Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. Specification *[Total Pages 17]*
 - Descriptive title of the Invention
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 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings *(if filed)*
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. Drawing(s) *(35 U.S.C. 113)* *[Total Sheets 5]*
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Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)
6. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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13. Preliminary Amendment
14. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) *(Should be specifically itemized)*
15. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) *(if foreign priority is claimed)*
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Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Paid
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101	740	201	370	Utility filing fee
106	330	206	165	Design filing fee
107	510	207	255	Plant filing fee
108	740	208	370	Reissue filing fee
114	160	214	80	Provisional filing fee
SUBTOTAL (1)		(\$ 740.00)		

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims		Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
30	- 20*	= 10	X 18.00 =	\$180.00
3	- 3** = 0	X 84.00 =		\$0.00

Multiple Dependent

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description
Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	
103	18	203	9	Claims in excess of 20
102	84	202	42	Independent claims in excess of 3
104	280	204	140	Multiple Dependent claim, if not paid
109	84	209	42	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	18	210	9	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
SUBTOTAL (2)		(\$ 180.00)		

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105	130	205	65 Surcharge - late filing fee or oath
127	50	227	25 Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet
139	130	139	130 Non-English specification
147	2,520	147	2,520 For filing a request for ex parte reexamination
112	920 *	112	920 * Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action
113	1,840 *	113	1,840 * Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action
115	110	215	55 Extension for reply within first month
116	400	216	200 Extension for reply within second month
117	920	217	460 Extension for reply within third month
118	1,440	218	720 Extension for reply within fourth month
128	1,960	228	980 Extension for reply within fifth month
119	320	219	160 Notice of Appeal
120	320	220	160 Filing a brief in support of an appeal
121	280	221	140 Request for oral hearing
138	1,510	138	1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding
140	110	240	55 Petition to revive - unavoidable
141	1,280	241	640 Petition to revive - unintentional
142	1,280	242	640 Utility issue fee (or reissue)
143	460	243	230 Design issue fee
144	620	244	310 Plant issue fee
122	130	122	130 Petitions to the Commissioner
123	50	123	50 Prospecting fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)
126	180	126	180 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt
581	40	581	40 Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)
146	740	246	370 Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))
149	740	249	370 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))
179	740	279	370 Request for Continued Examination (RCE)
169	900	169	900 Request for expedited examination of a design application
Other fee (specify)			
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